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SUBJECT: MEXICAN POSITION ON PRG PARTICIPATION IN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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1. NOTING THAT THE USG CONTINUES TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THIS ISSUE AND THAT MEXICO VOTED AGAINST INVITING THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) TO THE CONFERENCE ON LAW OF WAR IN 1974 AND ABSTAINED ON THIS SAME ISSUE IN 1975, EMBOFF ASKED DIRGEN FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS PALACIOS TREVINO WHETHER THE SHIFT IN MEXICO'S VOTING POSITION INDICATED A POLICY CHANGE ON THIS ISSUE. PALACIOS EXPLAINED THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARIAT HAD MERELY INSTRUCTED THE MEXDEL ABSTAIN ON A PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND DID NOT VIEW THIS AS A POLICY CHANGE. HE NOTED THAT MEXICO TRADITIONALLY DOES NOT VOTE TO EXCLUDE ISSUES FROM CONSIDERATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND THAT THE MEXDEL WAS TO REQUEST AND AWAIT
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FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IF THE ISSUE OF INVITING THE PRG

CAME TO A VOTE. EMBOFF ASKED HOW MEXICO WOULD HAVE VOTED
ON THIS AND PALACIOS REPLIED "WE DID NOT HAVE TO CROSS
THIS BRIDGE."

2. COMMENT: WHILE MEXICAN POLICY ON PRG PARTICIPATION
IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WILL PROBABLY COME UNDER
REVIEW AND MAY WELL CHANGE THE NEXT TIME THE ISSUE ARISES,
THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THEIR POLICY ON THIS
MATTER IS SEVERELY LIMITED FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN
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